
Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Foster of Great Barrington for a bill with the same title (House, No. 1805). May 26.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

An Act providing for the Hospitalization of Patients with Chronic Rheumatism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter one hundred and eleven of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 one hundred and sixteen, as appearing in the Ter-
4 centenary Edition, under the title CHRONIC RHEUMA-
5 TISM, the following new section:—

6 *Section 116A.* The department may, subject to
7 rules and regulations, approved by the commission
8 on administration and finance, provide for the care
9 and treatment of persons suffering from chronic rheu-
10 matism for a period not exceeding six months in case
11 of any one such person, and said department may
12 enter into contracts with one or more existing hos-
13 pitals within any metropolitan district for the care
14 and treatment of such patients; provided, that not
15 more than twenty-five such patients may be cared
16 for or treated under this section at any one time.

